mines at Jaduguda, Bhatin, Narwapahar, Turamdih and Banduhurang in the Singhbhum (East) district, Jharkhand State.

(b) The details of funds released for mining uranium are as follows:

2004-2005	:	Rs. 135.50 crores
2005-2006	:	Rs. 57.05 crores
2006-2007	:	Rs. 21.705 crores

It is not public interest to disclose the quantum of uranium explored mine wise.

Uranium reserves

2175. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of uranium reserves in the country;

(b) the amount of uranium processed annually in Jharkhand;

(c) what happens to the residual products; give details of its disposal;

(d) the other locations in the country where uranium is processed; and

(e) the quantum of uranium processed in each of the locations and disposal of waste therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration & Research (AMD), a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has so far established about 1,07,268 tonnes of in-situ uranium (U_3O_8) resources.

(b) It is not in public interest to disclose information on the quantity of uranium processed in the country.

(c) After processing of ore and extraction of uranium and other by-products, the residual products are neutralized and separated into to size fractions. the sand fractions (about 40% of the residual product) are sent to underground mines for back filling in the form of slurry. The slime fractions are stored in a well engineered impoundment facility — called tailing pond.

(d) Uranium ore is not processed in other locations in the country.

(e) Does not arise.

Coal availability

2176. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal availability would affect power generation and other industries;

(b) whether, it is a fact that Government imported 12 million tons of coal in 2004-05 and 22 million tons of coal in 2005-06;

(c) the estimates of coal imports in 2006-07 and the probable imports in 2007-08;

(d) the production bottlenecks at coal mines; and